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Mythical Army
Of Americans
Bluffs EnemyImaginary "X Force" Keeps
Five German Divisions
Away From Argonne in
Closing Days of the War

Young Officers Plan Trick

Radio and 'Phone Stations
Do a Lot of Talking in
Code Opponents Know

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN GERMANY, Oct. 1 (By The Associated Press).—Tricks of the game of war are coming to light from time to time as each side tells its story. One of the most successful of them was practiced by American forces in the Meuse-Argonne battle last fall, when the last great Allied offensive was at its height from Switzerland to the sea. An imaginary army, conceived by a handful of American junior officers, was "thrown into the field" over night and for days five crack German divisions, just east of Verdun in the Eatin region, were kept on their toes, momentarily expecting an attack which never materialized.

At a dinner table in a Coblentz cafe, overlooking the Rhine, an American intelligence officer recently told the story of the creation of the "mythical X army," as it was called. It appears that the Germans were expecting an attack in the Eatin sector at any time. Five fresh divisions had been placed by the Germans on the Eatin line. These constituted their last and finest reservoir of available divisions. The Americans realized that the minute the Germans decided that this was not a danger point, any or all of the five divisions could be withdrawn, replaced by exhausted and fragmentary divisions coming from the battlefronts, and that the appearance of the fresh troops on line west of the Meuse would have a tremendous effect on the American offensive.

The X army was assigned to a front from Bezonvaux to Fresnes. From the morning of October 22 until just previous to the armistice this army "functioned." Captain Charles H. Matt, of Hubbard Woods, Ill., was commander in chief. Captain William H. Dearden, of Springfield, Mass., and Washington, D. C., was chief of staff. Lieutenant John H. Graham, of Lexington, Va., was chief of "troop movements." Captain O. W. Neider was in charge of G. I. or administration, and Lieutenant H. T. Griswold, of Old Lyme, Conn., was chief of artillery. The staff of the X army were all members of the intelligence section of the 1st Army and, of course, before beginning operations had secured the consent of their chief, Colonel Willey Howell.

The wireless and the telephone were freely used to convince the Germans that the Americans were preparing for an attack in the Eatin sector. To make sure that the Germans would be able to "break into" the code used, the Americans furnished them with a satisfactory key.

One wireless station of the X army was established in a clump of woods near Verdun and was christened "headquarters of the X army." This station functioned until the end of the game, all orders to the army going out from this place by wire and all orders to the station being working the Germans located its whereabouts and frequently shelled the woods and vicinity, apparently in hopes of breaking up the radio circuit at this point.

Portable Radio Used

The X army also had a portable radio station, which moved about and represented itself as a different station every day or two.

The sector in which the X army was at work was directly under command of the 1st Army Corps, and the moving wireless station caused considerable confusion among the German soldiers, as it sent messages to make the enemy believe that several fresh American divisions had moved into the area. The French, unaware of the plans of the X army staff, at times thought the Americans had lost all sense of reason and on several occasions so reported the wireless plants.

The first message from the X army headquarters was a general dispatch to all wireless stations in the army area (some of which actually existed) in the Eatin sector, directing that the use of the station be kept as quiet as possible and that the use of the station be kept as quiet as possible.

In addition to the wireless, the X army also had in operation, on the front between Bezonvaux and Fresnes, a telephone system, a carrier system, which set up telephone stations here and there and sent messages and talked shop and gossiped at night about the arrival of some old friend from America with such and such an outfit. The X army telephone squad took no chances that the Germans might not hear the conversations the Americans desired them to record. They deliberately grounded their wires so the enemy could "listen in," and crawled out into No Man's Land in the darkness and hooked one of the American wires over to a German barbed wire in front of an abandoned trench system.

Two days after the X army began working the Germans began to be suspicious, the nervousness on the part of the Germans being exhibited in many ways, the enemy first sending over a large number of airplanes to make reconnaissance. The Germans also began a series of trench raids to obtain prisoners for the purpose of identifying units of the forces opposite them. German prisoners captured by the French told of wild alarms in the night on the part of the German forces, hurried reinforcements of the main line of resistance and various other movements which indicated that the enemy was exerting extreme watchfulness on account of the activity of the little army being operated by a handful of Americans.

When the armistice became effective, November 11, the little American mythical X army still held its ground in the field near Verdun, and opposite five crack German divisions, stood the guard, not even suspecting that they had been tricked by a handful of ingenious young Yankees, who were delighted at the results obtained by their mischievous schemes, which had worked so successfully in deceiving the wise old German veterans of a five-year war.

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This is a special purchase of a limited yardage of half silk novelty Linings which are in great demand for coat, suit and general lining uses.

A variety of pretty printed and brocaded effects in shades of gray, tan, brown and navy; 36 inches wide.

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Bar Pins of unusual brilliancy and remarkable values for 50c. each.

There are both square and pointed end styles. Some are composed of all rhinestones; others in combinations of sapphire and rhinestones.

The stones are imbedded in the sterling silver top, the hinge and clasp of pin being of silver plate.

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Dresses\$2.75 : : Values to \$4.50
INFANTS' STORE

AN opportunity for the mother of children from 2 to 6 years old in this special lot of 100 Dresses, a special purchase.

They are all white, nainsook and lawn, sizes 2 to 6 years. The trimming includes lace, some with ribbons, others with tucks, etc.

Dainty modified Empire models, very charming designs and a good variety, constituting the over-cuts of a good make.

Children's Coats, \$8.98, \$9.98

Cloth and Chinchilla Coats, simply made, with plush collars in reproductions of the fur collar idea, or with collars of velvet. In brown, navy, gray and burgundy; sizes to 6 years.

Cloth Coats, \$13.50 to \$16.50

Assorted sizes in all the fall shades and sizes to 6 years.

Also coats of corduroy and velveteen in the good autumn colors and in sizes to 6 years.

The Coats at \$16.50 are trimmed with fur.

Bathrobes, \$2.98

Beacon cloth Robes, striped and floral designs; some Indian patterns. Colors are tan, blue, rose, pink, Copenhagen; sizes 2 to 6 years.

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Flannellet Night Drawers, with feet, in sizes 2 to 6 years; without feet, in sizes 5 to 10 years.

Blankets, \$2.98

Special blankets of Beacon cloth, double and bound with ribbon or with scalloped edge. Full crib size.

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A new importation of Japanese Quilts, all hand made and hand embroidered in an attractive flower design. In sizes for bassinet or carriage. Pink, blue and white. Exceptional value.

Infants' Store, Second Floor, Bond Street.

Corsets, Good Models

Special Low Price
\$1.50

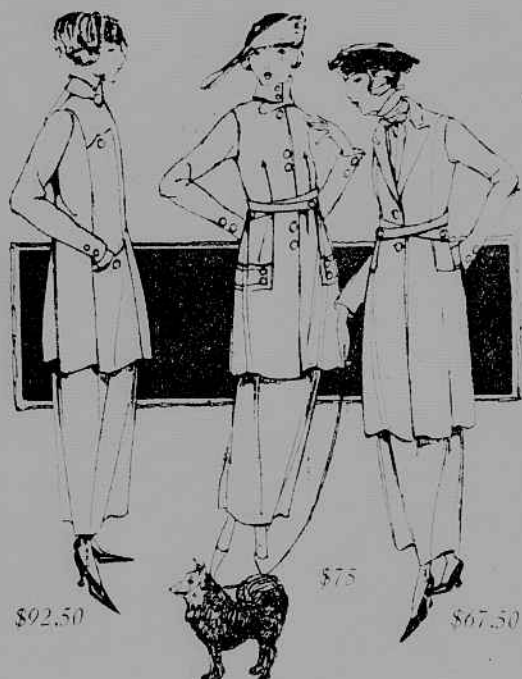
A SPECIAL PURCHASE has a small clearance from our own stocks joined with it to make a very interesting sale of good Corsets at the low price of \$1.50.

Included are models of Warner's, Willowbone and Loeser Special Corsets of excellent pink and white material, cut upon good lines, attractively trimmed and with garters attached.

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Well shaped and well made Bandeaux of pink novelty material.

Second Floor, Livingston Street.



85 Smart Skirts, Very Special at \$12.75

Plaids and checks in velours and fancy worsteds, also navy serges made up in smart sports models, plaited straight line styles with large novelty pockets, fancy belts and button trimmings.

Second Floor, Fulton Street.

Coat Pictured at \$67.50

It is a value sale, not only for the quality of fabrics, but also for the good tailoring and promised fine service, but as well for the assured good fashion of each garment concerned.

Fall and winter model of silverstone in oxblood, brown, taupe and navy. Large convertible collar, flaring notched cuffs, smart belt. Full long lines at back with belted front. Pussy willow silk lining.

Coat Pictured at \$75

Fur collared Coat of English velours, large collar of selected black French seal, large fancy pockets and cuffs, large buttons used as trimming. In green, brown, Arabian red, and navy, oxblood, etc. Pussy willow silk lining.

Coat Pictured at \$92.50

A fur trimmed Coat, reproducing an imported model. New style with large crush collar of selected black French seal running into the roll front of the garment. Deep tailored open folds each side from the hips down; broad cuffs, wide belt in back with narrow tailored belt in front. Fancy silk linings. This is made of silverstone chevrons in browns and grays.

Suit Pictured at \$79.50

Fine English velours in brown, navy and gray. Double breasted coat, breast pocket and hip pockets, welt seam finish. Back of coat has a long panel open side plaits at the hip. The convertible collar is a good shape, adjustable high or low.

Suit Pictured at \$85

One model of fine chevron, coat with long revers, two button front. Straight line panel back, open at both sides at the bottom. Skirt is the popular two-seam model, shirred top, slash pockets. Narrow tailored fold belt.

Suit Pictured at \$85

The other Suit has straight line front buttoning high and snug with a smart convertible collar. It is made of extra quality Scotch Cheviot with a lasting surface finish. Large patch pocket and narrow belt; trimmed with many buttons.

188 Smart Dresses, Specially Priced, \$25

Very special values at this popular price, including serges, satins, yallama cloth, tricotine, velveteen and jersey. Some are elaborated with laces, some are trimmed with braid, some embroidered. Long line models, some with tunics and over-drapes. Black, navy and colors.

Fifth Floor, Costume Room.

Fancy Colored Towels

Blue, pink, lavender and gold all-over stripes; also some with wreath border.

59c., value 68c. 89c., value \$1.19

79c., value 89c. \$1.19, value \$1.25

\$1.25, value \$1.50

25c. Toweling, 19c. Yard

Part linen and part cotton with neat blue borders.

35c. Huck Towels, 25c.

Full bleached large size Huck Towels with hemmed ends. Neat border patterns.

39c. Huck Towels, 29c.

Full bleached with hemmed edges.

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69c. Huck Towels, 59c.

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Main Floor.

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Two-clasp styles with self stitched backs. None sent C. O. D., none reserved for mail or telephone orders.

Main Floor, Bond Street.

Men's \$1 Neckwear for 65c

NOT ALONE our men patrons, but manufacturers who come here occasionally on trips of investigation, tell us that in no other place is it possible to buy neckwear of this class and quality for 65c.

We know that this must be measurably true. For example, were we to reorder today at the present prices of fabrics and labor we would be obliged to sell such Scarfs for a dollar.

There is a good selection of patterns and colorings, chiefly the figure effects which appeal to most men. All are in open-end Four-in-Hand style and finished with the slide-easy neckband.

Main Floor.

Over a Thousand Women May Share
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Blouses, \$3.95 : : Values \$5 to \$7

A SPECIAL PURCHASE, the number of Blouses increased by additions from our own stocks, and including values better in many respects than have been obtainable for months even at their regular prices.

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Extra Quality Georgette Crepe

sometimes embroidered in self and contrast, sometimes combining beads with hand embroidery, some all-over embroidered with large dots. The colors include white and flesh pink, some in bisque and other shades.

Some round neck, collarless models, slip-on effect, buttoned down the back. Some square neck, panel front style. Some round neck, collarless, slip-on effect, with side closing, the fronts heavily hand embroidered and with beads. Some with flat collars.

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Second Floor.

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Metal Laces, 89c. to \$1.49 Yard

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Black silk Bands and Insertions, 2 to 6 inches wide. In many pretty patterns.

Silk Embroidered Bands, 75c. and 98c. Yard

On net grounds.

Embroidered Bands, 98c. Yard

Gold, silver and steel Bands on net grounds.

Allovers, 75c. and 98c. Yard

Of various kinds in white and Paris shades.

Lace Flouncings, 98c. Yard

Black and white Lace Flouncings, 18 to 27 inches wide.

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Countless lengths of Edgings, Bands, Allovers and Flouncings of chiffons, Georgette crepe, plain and fancy nets.

Main Floor, None C. O. D.

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HATS of the smartest fashion in shaping, covered with fine velvets, velvet and panne velvet combinations and all panne velvet.

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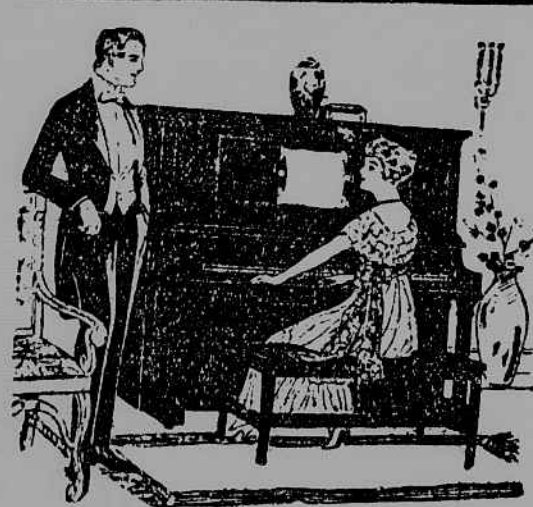
Very special values at the low price quoted. None sent C. O. D.

Second Floor, Elm Place.

Women's \$12 Shoes at \$7.35

HANDSOME footwear at a price which could not be duplicated today even at wholesale. Of a fine quality of black kidskin in the high cut model, on the long slim last with plain toe. French heels. Turn soles. In a good range of sizes to begin with.

Main Floor, Elm Place.

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A Superb Kranich & Bach
\$975 at Loeser's

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One of These Superbly Artistic Instruments

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Seven hundred and fifty pairs. White and ecru. \$1.85 pair, values to \$2.75. \$3.75 pair, values to \$5. \$2.98 pair, values to \$4.50. \$4.50 pair, values to \$6.

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Forty-five fine reproductions of beautiful French Curtains, in white and ecru. \$4.95 pair, values to \$6.50. \$6.95 pair, values to \$9. \$5.85 pair, values to \$8. \$7.85 pair, values to \$10.

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Twenty-five pretty styles of imported Panel Curtains, in white and ecru.

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Five thousand yards in white, cream and ecru.

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In a large variety of styles, white and ecru.

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